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MANUFACTURING DEVICE, AND COMPOUND BODY

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under § 1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. However, since a Statement can be made, a Statement is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants enclose herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents (Japanese Office Actions dated November 26, 2008 for JP-2003-000392) together with English language translations, of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

Applicants note that Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-247545 A, Japanese Patent Application No. 04-182055 A, Japanese Patent Application No. 11-029831 and International Publication No. 99/58270 were previously submitted as part of an Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 13, 2006, and other copies are thus not being provided today.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

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